Proposal to Open External Services Division (Tamil)

768. DR. D. MASTAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is considering to open External Services Division (Tamil) for broadcasting programmes for the benefit of lakhs of Tamils living in Arab countries; and

(b) whether there is any proposal for expanding the External Services Division (Tamil) meant for South East Asian nations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No. Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

Indian Airlines to set up wholly-owned subsidiary

769. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines propose to set up wholly-owned subsidiary to be called Allied Services;

(b) if so, the purpose of the move and the time, if any, decided/expected to start the new company; and

(c) in what way the company will be different from Vayudoot?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) A wholly-owned Company floated by Indian Airlines in 1983 known as Airlines Allied Services Limited is being activated with a view to ensure increased utilisation of B-737 aircraft and to serve regional needs. It will function under the overall control of Indian Airlines and make full use of infrastructure available with them. The Company will supplement the services of Indian Airlines and not compete with it.

Electricity lost due to backing down by Thermal Plants

770. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the units lost due to backing down by thermal plants in the country because of low load demand during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether the loss was approximately 9.7 billion units in 1993-94.

(c) if so, what part of those off-peak backing down would be shared by the IPPs, Central Power agencies and SEBs; and

(d) who would be the diciding authority for grid discipline when there is bilateral agreement between the IPPs and respective SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABAN CHAMENBHAI PATEL): (a) The units lost due to backing down by thermal plant in the country during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 were 8,640 billion units (BU), 7.939 BU and 7.663 BU respectively.

(b) During the year 1993-94 the actual loss due to backing down in the country was 7.939 BU.

(c) The sector-wise share of the units lost due to backing down are given as under:

Sector	Gen. loss due to backing down during 1993-94 (in billion units)
Central	2.646
State	4.430
Private	0.863
All India	7.939